

Service Date: June 2, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern |) | REGULATORY DIVISION |
| Energy's 2012-2013 Electricity Supply |) | |
| Tracker |) | DOCKET NO. D2013.5.33 |
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| IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern |) | DOCKET NO. D2014.5.46 |
| Energy's 2013-2014 Electricity Supply |) | |
| Tracker |) | |

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its 2012-2013 Electricity Supply Tracker on May 31, 2013. The Commission issued *Interim Order 7283* on June 18, 2013 and granted intervention to the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC"), Natural Resources Defense Council and Human Resource Council District XI on August 2, 2013. NorthWestern filed its 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Tracker on May 29, 2014. See Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D2013.5.33 (May 12, 2014) (consolidating the trackers). The Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on May 31, and *Interim Order 7283a* on June 17, 2014. On August 19, 2014, the Commission granted general intervention to the Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club ("MEIC"). On October 22, 2014, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7283b* for the consolidated trackers. On February 27, 2015, the Commission issued *Amended Procedural Order 7283f*. On September 15, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Public Hearing*. A public hearing was held in Helena on October 6-7, 2015.

On May 13, 2016, the Commission issued *Final Order 7283h*. On May 23, 2016, NorthWestern filed a *Motion for Reconsideration*. On May 31, 2016, the MEIC filed a *Motion for Leave to File Response to NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Reconsideration*.

Section 38.2.4806(5) of the Administrative Rules of Montana provides: "A motion for reconsideration shall be deemed denied when it has not been acted upon within ten days of its filing." Commission staff waives Section 38.2.4806(5) so the Commission can consider the

Motion for Reconsideration filed on May 23, 2016, MEIC's *Motion for Leave to File Response to NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Reconsideration*, and any subsequent briefing as permitted by the Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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